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SUBJ: GENERAL ZIA DENIES REPORTS OF ARMY RIFT

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1. IN COURSE OF TOUR D'HORIZON THIS MORNING WITH
PRINCIPAL DCMLA, MAJOR GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN, HE DENIED
SPATE OF RUMORS THAT THERE WAS TROUBLE IN ARMY. I
PUSHED WITH GENERALIZED EXAMPLES OF WHAT WAS CIRCUL-
TING, E.G., DEMANDS FOR RETURN OF ONE OR MORE OFFICERS
IN BENGAZI, BUT HE HELD GROUND THAT ALL WAS QUIET IN
THE MILITARY AND REPORTS WHICH HE WAS HEARING ALSO WERE
NOT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. ON POSSIBLE RETURN OF
EXILED OFFICERS, HE SAID THEY KNOW PROBLEMS THAT WOULD

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BE GENERATED BY THEIR RETURN AND WERE PREPARED TO WAIT.

2. COMMENT. IF ZAIUR WAS DISSEMBLING, HE CARRIED IT
OFF WITH CONSIDERABLE COOLNESS AND SELF-CONTROL. IF HE
WAS TRUTHFUL, THE RUMOR MILL IS ACCELERATING WITH MORE
SPEED AND IMAGINATION THAN WE HAVE SEEN FOR SOME WEEKS.
EITHER OR BOTH ARE FOREBODING POSSIBILITIES.
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